

Port of Durban Information



LOCATION

Latitude 29.869175° | Longitude 31.034514°

PILOTAGE

Pilotage is compulsory. Rendezvous point is three nautical miles NE of the port entrance on the leading lights. Pilot transfer is by helicopter, unless otherwise advised. When pilot is embarking by pilot boat, ladders must comply with SOLAS regulations. Durban has two fast pilot boats equipped with radar and VHF telephone.

WATER DENSITY

Seawater density in the harbour is 1.025g/cm³.

PILOT BOARDING POSITION

Off the Fairway buoy.

PORT LIMITS

The entrance channel has a depth of 19m (62.3 feet) from Chart Datum, and a width of 222m (728.3 feet) between caissons.

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APPROACHES

Vessels report to Durban Port Control at 12 Nautical Miles and at 6 Nautical Miles from the Fairway Buoy.

TIDE

Tide fall at mean high water springs is 1.8m and 0.49m and mean low water neaps.

WEATHER

Durban enjoys a sub-tropical climate with warm winters and temperatures ranging from 15°C-26°C. Summers are hot and humid with temperatures between 22°C and 35°C and periods of heavy rainfall.

BALLAST

Vessels must be adequately ballasted to permit safe navigation within the port. Only clean, locally loaded ballast water, may be discharged within the port.

RADIO

The Port of Durban port control and the signal station are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The port working channel is VHF channel 12 and 2182 kHz frequency is monitored by the Bluff Signal Station only.

BUNKERS

The Port of Durban has major bunker suppliers and bunker can only be supplied alongside berth.

BERTHS

There are 58 berths ranging from 148m to 350m, with depths up to 12.2m. Berths details as below:

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1. POINT MULTI PURPOSE TERMINAL (MPT)

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
A	4.1m	Lay By		
B	9.9m	Break Bulk Steel Products	Ships Gear	1500 MT per 24 hours
C	12.6m	Break Bulk Bulk Steel Products	Ships Gear	1500 MT per 24 hours
D	12.6m	Container Break Bulk Steel	Ships Gear	1500 MT per 24 hours
E	12.6m	Containers	Mobile Crane	12 per hour
F	12.6m	Containers Car Carriers	Mobile Crane	12 per hour

2. DURBAN RORO TERMINAL

Berth	Draft	Commodity
G	12.6m	Car Carriers
M	11.6m	Car Carriers
Q	10.3m	Car Carriers
R	10.3m	Car Carriers

3. DURBAN FRUIT TERMINAL (FPT)

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
O	11.6m	Fruit Steel products Break Bulk	Ships Shore Crane	1500 MT per 24 hours
P	10.3m	Fruit Steel products Break Bulk	Ships Shore Crane	1500 MT per 24 hours

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4. DURBAN PASSENGER TERMINAL

Berth	Draft	Commodity
N	11.6m	Passenger Vessels

5. DURBAN MAYDON WHARF TERMINALS

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
MWF 1	12.2m	Fish Trawlers Liquid Bulk Sugar	Ships Gear	
MWF 2	12.2m	Liquid Bulk	Ships Gear	
MWF 3	Out of Commission		Ships Gear	
MWF 4	Out of Commission		Ships Gear	
MWF 5	9.3m	Dry Bulk Grain Maize Wheat	Conveyor Belt	
MWF 6	9.3m	Dry Bulk Grain Maize Wheat	Conveyor Belt	
MWF 7	9.3m	Break Bulk Containers	Ships Gear	
MWF 8	10.0m	Molasses	Ships Gear	
MWF 9	9.3m	Dry Bulk	Ships Gear	
MWF 10	9.3m	Dry Bulk	Ships Gear	
MWF 11	10.0m	Dry Bulk	Ships Gear	
MWF 12	10.0m	Dry Bulk	Ships Gear	
MWF 13	11.0m	Containers Break Bulk	Ships Gear	
MWF 14	11.0m	Rice Sugar Bagged cargo	Ships Gear	
MWF 15	9.3m	Sugar Coal Containers	Ships Gear	2000 MT per 24 hours

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6. ISLAND VIEW TERMINALS

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method
IVS 1	12.2m	Lay By	Pipeline
IVS 2	12.2m	Chemical products	Pipeline
IVS 3	12.2m	Chrome Ore Minerals Maize Rice Wheat Sunflower Seeds	Pipeline
IVS 4	10.0m	Chemical Products	Pipeline
IVS 5	12.4m	Lay By	Pipeline
IVS 6	12.4m	Chemical Products	Pipeline
IVS 7	12.2m	Oils and Fuel	Pipeline
IVS 8	12.2m	Oils and Fuel	Pipeline
IVS 9	12.2m	Oils and Fuel	Pipeline

7. BULK CONNECTIONS TERMINAL

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
BCA 1	8.5m	Coal Metcoke Manganese	Shore Loader	10000 MT per 24 hours
BCA 2	9.7m	Coal Manganese	Shore Loader	10000 MT per 24 hours
BCA 3	8.5m	Coal Manganese Metcoke	Shore Loader	10000 MT per 24 hours
BCA 4	10.0m	Coal Copper concentrate	Shore Loader	10000 MT per 24 hours

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS FOR DURBAN PORT

Harbour Master	(+27) 31 3618401 / 8759
Durban Port Control	(+27) 31 3088260 / 261 / 262
Transnet berth planners	(+27) 31 3618582
Fire department	(+27) 31 3618860 / 6333
SAMSA	(+27) 31 3618320
Durban Radio	(+27) 21 5512617
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SOUTH AFRICAN PORT REQUIREMENTS | PROCEDURES

1. All vessels calling at any South African port must send ISPS message to MRCC Cape Town 96 hours before arrival.
2. Security Level 1 is maintained at Durban Port.
3. Vessels must apply for Free Pratique from local Port health authorities through local agents.
4. Nomination of vessels is done by local agents with all relevant information supplied to port authorities (Transnet National Port Authorities) i.e. Vessel details, nature of call, cargo type, intended port stay, any special requests etc via a live web based system Integrated Port Management System (IPMS).
5. All berths are controlled by TNPA but are operated by TPT (Transnet Port Terminals) and some Private Terminals.
6. Cargo working vessels will be planned at the respective terminals based on the type of cargo.
7. Bunker vessels must be nominated following same procedure as well as bunkers is supplied via bunker barge and can be only supplied in port.
8. All vessels calling for bunkers or repairs/lay by must be nominated accordingly.
9. Bunker and repair berths allocated for a vessel will only be confirmed 1 day before ETA of vessel.
10. Hull cleaning is permitted in Durban and a special lay by berth will be allocated.
11. Durban port control is operated by Transnet National Port Authorities and handle/control all vessel movements contactable on VHF channel 9 and 16.
12. Daily ETA updates must be provided by vessels for agents to supply same to authorities to secure berth.
13. Access to all terminals is strictly controlled by TNPA and the respective port operators.